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OF THE

SPECIAL SYNOD

OF THE

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL,

ASSEMBLED TO ELECT A BISHOP AND METROPOLITAN,
MAY 11, 1869.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BISHOP ELECT.

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FIRST DAY.

MONTREAL, May 11th, 1869.

The opening services were held this day in the Cathedral, and commenced at half past ten o'clock a.m.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Canon Balch, and the Rev. Canon Loosemore.

The first Lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Bond, and the second by the Rev. Canon Bancroft.

The Ante-Communion service by the Bishops of Quebec and Toronto. The sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Leach.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishops of Huron, Quebec and Toronto, and the Dean of Montreal.

At 2 p. m. the Synod met for business in the Cathedral School Room, the Dean of Montreal presiding.

After Prayer the roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, and that of the Laity by the Lay Secretary.

A quorum of Delegates being present,

The Dean then delivered the following address:

REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY,—

It is not my province nor have I personally the inclination to inquire into or discuss the cause, much less to attempt to ascertain on whom lies the blame of the failure of this Synod to elect a Bishop and Metropolitan at the meeting convened for that purpose in the month of November last. Suffice it to say we did fail to carry out the object for which we then assembled—and we are now met again to endeavour, by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to select a Brother fit to be an overseer in this portion of the Church of God, which we ought to remember was purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Although I deem it to be both unbecoming and unnecessary for me even to allude to the cause which unhappily prevented us, in November last, from being of one mind on the subject which we met to decide, my age and position may nevertheless entitle me to venture to offer a few words of advice on this solemn and important occasion. In doing so, I would remind you, in the words of St. Paul, that a "Bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality—apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient—not a brawler, not covetous—one that ruleth well his own household, not a novice—and having a good report of them that are without." These brethren, are the divine directions which the Holy Spirit, by St. Paul, gave to Timothy, concerning the qualifications of a Bishop, and have been truly said to describe all the virtues which they of that sacred order ought to be imbued with, as well as the vices from which they should be clear. Strive then to keep these directions in view, and to discard from your minds all party spirit and prejudices, to feel the deep responsibility imposed upon you—and determine not to separate, on the present occasion, without making choice of some one to preside over us as our Chief Pastor, and thus maintain amongst us the order and discipline of God's Holy Church, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Christ's Heavenly Kingdom.

The DEAN announced the following Committees under the rules of order:

Scrutineers for Clerical Vote.

Rev. J. Ellegood.
" T. W. Fyles.
Major Campbell.

Scrutineers for Lay Vote.

The Chancellor.
T. A. Young.
Rev. W. B. Curran.

Committees for examining lists of Clergy and Lay Delegates.

Clergy.

Rev. Canon Bond.
 " R. Lonsdell, Rural Dean.
 " R. W. Norman.
 Hon. L. S. Huntingdon.
 J. C. Spence, Esq.

Lay Delegates.

Dr. Smallwood.
 E. E. Shelton, Esq.
 Rev. Canon Anderson.
 Rev. J. B. Davidson.
 H. L. Robinson.

The Dean announced that a communication had been received from the General Convention of the Church in the United States relating to the late Metropolitan of the Dominion and requested the Secretary to read it. At the Dean's suggestion, the Synod stood whilst the following Minute was read :

HOUSE OF BISHOPS,

Nineteenth Day, Oct. 28th, 1868.

On Motion of the Bishop of Maryland the following Preamble and Minute, reported by the Bishop of Connecticut, as chairman of the committee appointed to recommend suitable action in relation to the death of the Bishop of Montreal, were adopted.

Whereas, This convention has received information of the lamented death of the Most Rev. Francis Fulford, D.D., Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan of Canada, it is ordered by this House, with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the following minutes be adopted and entered in the Journal.

The Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in General Convention assembled, offer to their brethren, the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Dominion of Canada, the assurance of their sympathy and prayers under the afflictive bereavement which, in the loss of their Metropolitan, it has pleased God to send upon them.

Intimately connected with our own Episcopate, by having united in several Episcopal consecrations, well known and honored among us privately and in public as the preacher at our last General Convention, we cordially unite with his brethren, his clergy and his people in bearing our testimony to his zeal and devotion as a minister of God's word, and to the piety and godliness of his private life. May God give to the

Vote.

Diocese, and the Province a successor to the departed prelate who may worthily carry on the work which he has been called to lay down.

(From the Journal)

Attest., HENRY C. POTTER,
Secretary of the House of Bishops,

New York May 4, 1869.

Concurred in by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Attest., WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY
Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Committees on the Clergy and Laity entitled to seats made the following report.

CATHEDRAL DISTRICT.

PARISH OR CURE.	CLERGY.	LAY DELEGATES.	
<i>Christ Church Cathedral</i>	*Very Rev. Dean Bethune, D.D. } Rector	} Strachan Bethune, Esq., Q.C.	
	*Venerable Archdeacon Leach.....		} M. H. Gault.
	*Rev. P. W. Loosemore, Senior Canon.	}	
	*Rev. P. W. Balch, D.D., Second Canon.		
<i>St. John the Evangelist</i>	*Rev. E. Wood, M.A.....	} J. A. Young.	
	*Rev. R. W. Norman, M.A.....		} Charles F. Powell.
	*Rev. C. A. Daniel, asst.....		
LONGUEUIL.....	Is in charge of St. John the Evangelist,	} J. R. Ballard. } B. S. Curry.	

DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA.

MONTREAL.	<i>Trinity Church</i>	*Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D.....	C. J. Brydges.
	<i>St. George's</i>	*Rev. J. P. Dumoulin.....	C. Garth.
		*Rev. Can. Bond, M.A., Rural Dean.	T. H. Schneider.
		*Rev. Jas. Carmichael.....	H. H. Whitney.
	<i>St. Stephen's</i>	*Rev. W. B. Curran, B.A.....	Charles Smallwood, M.D., D.C.L., LL.D.
	<i>St. Luke's</i>	*Rev. M. S. Baldwin, M.A.....	John Empson
			Thos. R. Johnson.
	<i>St. James'</i>	*Rev. J. Ellegood, M.A.....	William Salter.
	<i>St. Thomas'</i>	*Rev. W. Wright, M.D.....	Frederick Kingston.
			J. H. Winn.
	<i>Hochelaga</i>	*Rev. J. A. McLeod, M.A.....	Thomas Hawkins.
	Chaplain to the Forces.....	*Rev. J. D. Borthwick.....	Robert Slack.
			W. Hobbs.
		*Rev. M. Bartlett, M.A.....	W. H. Tapson.
	BERTHIER.....	*Rev. W. C. Merrick, M.A.....	Cuthbert Forneret.
	COTEAU DU LAC.....	*Rev. T. A. Young, M.A.....	John Bostwick.
			Henry Roebuck.
	KILDARE.....	*Rev. J. Merrick.....	Alexander Perry.
			Thomas Simpson.
	LACHINE.....	*Rev. A. Balfour.....	Thomas McGarity.
	LAPRAIRIE.....	*Rev. Wm. J. Dart.....	Jas. M. Ferres.
			Josiah Withers.
	MASCOUCHE.....	*Rev. T. Godden, B.A.....	Henry Pangman.
	Terrebonne.....		John Lowe.
			John Moody.
	NEW GLASGOW ..		Thos. Simpson.
			William Rafter.
			J. C. Baker.

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PARISH OR CURE.	CLERGY.	LAY DELEGATES.
KILKENNY		{ Geo. Macrae. G. F. C. Smith. James Hutton. George Moffatt. Professor Hicks. C. L. Armstrong.
RAWDON	*Rev. W. M. Seaborn.	
ST. GABRIEL DE BRAN- DON		
Chertsey	*Rev. J. Allan.	
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	*Rev. Canon Anderson.	E. Carter, Q.C.
SOREL	*Rev. O. Fortin.	Frank Bond.
DEANERY OF BEDFORD.		
ABBOTSFORD	*Rev. F. Robinson, M.A.	{ M. H. Sanborn. Walter Drake. John M. Standish. John McBride. Chas. Watson. R. Alcombrack. Hon. Thos. Wood. W. C. Baker. Thomas McDuff. William Hackwell. Alex. Empey. Josiah Payne. S. Butterworth. R. A. Ellis. George Baker. John McManus. Dr. Gibson. Dr. Erskine. Capt. Calvin Hall. Hiram Traver. L.H. Davidson. Thomas Cotton. J. S. Faulkner. Wm. Hill. J. C. Spence. E. B. Phelps. H. J. Foster. W. W. Lynch. Dr. Prime. Thomas Chapman. Stephen Chartier. George E. Savage. G. H. Henshaw. F. W. Henshaw. Edson Kompt. Levi A. Perkins. L. H. Knowlton. R. Dunlop. Asa Westover. W. M. Pattison. T. R. Roberts. D. T. R. Nye. H. S. Holsapple. George Mitchell. E. Lusher. John C. Corey. Rufus Hamilton. J. McLaughlin. R. Spencer. J. J. Gibb. Geo. Devereux Van. Geo. Kenneth Van. H. L. Robinson. W. G. Parmelee. Hon. A. B. Foster. Hon. L. S. Hunting- don. James H. Mosher. Wm. Donahue.
Rougemont		
BEDFORD	*Rev. G. Slack, M.A., Rural Dean.	
DUNHAM	*Rev. J. Godden.	
ELY & NORTH STUKELY.	*Rev. A. Fortin, B.A.	
GRANBY	*Rev. W. Jones.	
NORTH SHEFFORD		
BOLTON CENTRE	*Rev. E. F. Fessenden, B.A.	
South Bolton		
COWANSVILLE	*Rev. J. C. Davidson.	
Sweetsburg		
IRON HILL	*Rev. T. W. Fyles.	
Fulford		
KNOWLTON	*Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A.	
Brome Corners		
MILTON	*Rev. A. C. Taylor.	
St. Ilyacinthe		
POTTON	*Rev. E. S. Jenkyns.	
SOUTH STUKELY	*Rev. C. P. Abbott.	
ST. ARMAND EAST	*Rev. J. B. Davidson.	
ST. ARMAND WEST, ST. } PAUL'S, PHILIPSBURG }	*Rev. H. Montgomery.	
St. James' PIGEON HILL		
STANBRIDGE EAST	*Rev. I. Constantine, M.A.	
SUTTON	*Rev. J. Smith.	
ABERCORN		
UPTON	*Rev. L. C. Wurttele.	
WATERLOO		
ST. LUKE'S	*Rev. D. Lindsay, M.A.	
Frost Village		
WEST FARNHAM	*Rev. T. W. Mussen, M.A.	

PARISH OR CURE.	CLERGY.	LAY DELEGATES.
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WEST SHEPPARD.....*Rev. A. T. Whitten..... Thomas E. Booth.

DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.

CHAMBLY.....	*Rev. C. F. Thorndyke..	Capt. H. W. Austin.
CLARENCEVILLE.....	*Rev. Canon Townsend, A.M.....	Major Campbell, C.B.
St. George's Church.....	*Rev. C. Lancaster.....	John Hunter.
St. Thomas' Church.....		John H. Hall.
Henryville.....		Philip C. Derick.
		W. J. Derick.
		Prof. Hicks.
		H. Bulmer.
CHRISTIEVILLE.....	*Rev. H. J. Evans, B.A.....	Hon. R. Mackay.
EDWARDSTOWN.....	*Rev. E. G. Sutton, M.A.....	W. McGinnis, sen.
FRANKLIN.....	*Rev. J. Fulton, M.A.....	George Wheatley.
Havelock.....		Richard Toynnton.
HEMINGFORD, St. Lukes {	*Rev. E. DuVernot, M.A., Rural	Thomas Allechin.
	Dean.....	Robert Fulton.
ST. JOHN BAPTIST.....		William Barret.
HUNTINGDON.....		Frederick Cole.
St. John's Church.....	*Rev. W. T. Early.....	Robert Wright.
HINCHINBROOKE.....		Francis Clarkston.
		John Lovell.
		R. W. Shepherd.
		John Whyte.
		John Morrison.
		Robert Foster.
		C. Smallwood, M.D.
		D.C.L. LL.D.
LACOLLE.....	*Rev. A. D. Lockhart.....	Ralph Moore.
ORMSTOWN.....	*Rev. W. Brethour, M.A.....	Heman Derick.
SABREVOIS.....	{ *Rev. B. P. Lewis, B.A.....	Robert Leach.
	*Rev. E. Roy.....	Chas. G. Geddes.
ST. JOHNS.....	*Rev. H. F. Dartnell.....	W. P. Johnson.
LACADIE.....	Attached to St. Johns.....	N. Mudge.
		Chas. Lindsay.
		L. G. MacDonald.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

ATLHER.....	*Rev. P. W. Smith.....	{ Alex. Henderson.
ATLWIN.....	*Rev. W. R. Brown.....	{ W. E. Thistle.
BUCKINGHAM.....	*Rev. S. S. Strong.....	{ John Higginson.
CLARENDON.....		{ William Roberts.
St. Paul's Church.....	*Rev. Geo. C. Robinson.....	{ E. E. Shelton.
Bristol.....		{ M. H. Sanborn.
GRENVILLE.....	*Rev. F. A. Neve.....	{ Dr. Wheeler.
HULL.....	*Rev. J. Johnson.....	{ Thos. Owens.
		{ Edwin Fridham.
LACHUTE.....	*Rev. F. Codd.....	{ Charles Gibb.
NORTH GORE & WENT-		{ A. Joyce.
WORTH, Trinity Ch'eh }	*Rev. J. Rollit.....	{ Capt. Geo. Rogers.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.....		{ George Sherritt.
		{ John Chambers.
NORTH WAKEFIELD.....	*Rev. J. Seaman.....	{ J. Bleakley.
		{ Hon. J. Hamilton.
ONSLow.....	*Rev. F. G. C. Brathwaite, M.A.....	{ J. Keith.
North Onslow.....	Rev. A. Prime.....	{ Walter Smith.
St. Matthew's Church.....		{ Samuel Percival.
Bristol.....		{ G. Swinburn.
St. Mark's.....		{ Wm. Campbell.
PORTAGE DU FORT.....	*Rev. J. Gribble.....	{ E. Wilgress.
		{ D. R. Stodart.
		{ Geo. Purvis.
		{ T. P. Roe.

LAY DELEGATES.
 Thomas E. Booth.

Wm. H. W. Austin.
 John Campbell, C.B.
 John Hunter.
 John H. Hall.
 Philip C. Derick.
 J. Derick.
 J. Hicks.
 Bulmer.
 John R. Mackay.
 McGinnis, sen.
 George Wheatley.
 Edward Toynton.
 Thomas Allchin.
 Albert Fulton.
 William Barret.
 Derick Cole.
 Albert Wright.
 Francis Clarkston.
 John Lovell.
 W. Shepherd.
 John Whyte.
 John Morrison.
 Albert Foster.
 Smallwood, M.D.
 D.C.L. LL.D.
 John Moore.
 John Derick.
 Albert Leach.
 James G. Geddes.
 P. Johnson.
 Mudge.
 James Lindsay.
 G. MacDonald.

James Henderson.
 R. Thistle.

John Higginson.
 William Roberts.
 E. Shelton.
 H. Sanborn.
 Wheeler.
 James Owens.
 Edwin Fritcham.

Charles Gibb.
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 George Sherriff.
 John Chambers.
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 Campbell.
 Agnew.
 Stodart.
 Purvis.
 Roe.

PARISH OR CURE.

CLERGY.

LAY DELEGATES.

<i>Havelock</i>		{ John Crawford.
		{ A. Cameron.
ST. ANDREWS.....	*Rev. R. Lonsdell, M.A., Rur. Dean	{ Edwd. Jones.
		{ G. Schneider.
THORNE.....	*Rev. C. J. Kaapche.....	{ G. W. Simpson.
VAUDREUIL.....	*Rev. James Pyke.....	{ Reuben Taylor.
<i>St. James, Hudson</i>		{ R. W. Shepherd.
<i>Cote St. Charles</i>		{ John Hodson.
		{ S. E. Dawson.
		{ John Tempest.
MILLE ISLES.....		{ C. Gibb.
		{ C. Tylee.
MORIN.....		{ Hon. J. J. C. Abbott.
		{ H. R. Benjamin.

The names marked thus * numbering seventy six names have been approved of by the Committee.

WM. BOND, *Chairman*.

Objection was made to the Rev. Mr. Shand's name being on the list of the Clergy. Objection sustained.

Objection was made to the Rev. Mr. Jenkyns, he having left the Diocese. Objection sustained.

Objection was made to the Rev. Mr. Lancaster's name being on the list of the Clergy, he having left the Diocese. Objection sustained.

The Hon. Mr. Carter objected to Mr. L. H. Davidson as a Delegate from Sweetsburg.

Moved by Mr. CARTER, seconded by T. R. ROBERTS, Esq. :
 That the name of Leonidas Davidson as a Delegate for Christ Church, Sweetsburgh, be erased from the list of Delegates, and the name of George B. Baker be substituted.

Which was adopted by 102 yeas, 69 nays.

On motion the Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ROOM,

May 13, 1869.

The Synod attended Divine Service in the Cathedral at 9 o'clock, and assembled for business in the School Room at 10 o'clock.

The appointed prayer having been said by the Secretary, the roll was called.

The Minutes of the first day were read and approved.

The DEAN instructed the Secretary to notify the House of Bishops that the Synod was now organized, and ready to receive any communication from their Lordships.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops :—

The House of Bishops transmit to the Diocesan Synod the following resolutions :

That the House of Bishops transmit to the Synod of Montreal the following names from which to choose a Bishop and Metropolitan :

Rev. FRANCIS HESSEY, D.C.L., Vicar of St. Barnabas, Kensington, and
Rev. T. P. CUST, Rector of Cheddington.

After recess of half an hour, the Synod was called to order.

And after silent prayer, the Synod proceeded to ballot.

The Committee of Scrutineers reported the following result :—

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Dr. Hessey.....	38	20
Rev. T. P. Cust.....	1	0
Noes	28	36
Lost Votes.....	0	6

The two orders not having agreed in the choice of either candidate, the Secretary proclaimed the result to the Synod (rule of order—17).

The hour of 12 having arrived, at which time, by law, the Executive Committee of Mission should meet, the Secretary moved a recess of the Synod, to enable the Committee to meet and adjourn until Thursday at 12 o'clock, which was adopted. After recess

The Synod resumed business, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. HUNTINGDON adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following message from the House of Bishops was received and read by the Clerical Secretary :

"The House of Bishops beg to transmit to the Synod of Montreal the following names from which to choose a Bishop and Metropolitan : Rev. FREDERICK MEYRICK, Chaplain to Dr. WORDSWORTH, Lord Bishop of Lincoln one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, Select Preacher of the University of Oxford and Secretary of the Anglo-Continental Society, Public Examiner and Whitehall Preacher, author of many translations of the Works of the English Reformers into the various languages of Europe ; and the Rev. HENRY TWELLS, Master of Godolphin Grammar School, Hammersmith, London. The DEAN declared an adjournment of half-an-hour.

After the expiration of the half-hour the Synod was called to order, and the vote taken with the following result :

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. F. Meyrick	38	23
" H. Twells	1	0
Noes	28	29
Lost Votes	0	9

consequently there was no election.

Mr. FERRES moved, seconded by Mr. C. J. BRYDGES, the following resolutions :

1. That the Synod is now assembled for the sole purpose of electing a Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal and Metropolitan of the heretofore Province of Canada.

2. That the Synod acknowledges its obligations before God to elect a person who, combining in himself the qualifications laid down by the Holy Apostle Paul, shall at the same time be acceptable as zealous in the service of the Church.

4. That the Synod has no desire nor intention to interfere with the right of the House of Bishops to send down to them such names as they may consider fit and proper for election ; but as the members of the Synod feel themselves bound to vote in the fear of God, according to their conscience, and with a single eye to the peace and welfare of the Church, they, with all due respect but with all earnestness, beseech the House of Bishops to submit to them names of persons for their choice, of whose qualifications for the holy office and of whose walk and conversation before the world they have had the means of possessing some personal knowledge, according to the ancient canons, and agreeable to the usage of the Primitive Church.

Rev. Dr. BALCH offered the following resolution, which at the request of Mr. Ferres was added to the former resolutions :

That a Committee of three clergymen and three laymen be appointed by this Synod, and that the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to confer with such Committee to ascertain if in any manner satisfactory to the Bishops and the Synod, the Church in this Diocese can be relieved from its present embarrassment.

Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE moved, seconded by Mr. CRAWFORD the following amendment : " That a second ballot be taken on the nominations already made,"

Which the Chairman decided to be irrelevant to the motion before the Synod, and therefore out of order.

The vote was then taken on the resolution offered by Mr. FERRES, by orders and by yeas and nays—and was lost by the following vote—Clergy yeas 26, nays 35.

Laity yeas 44 nays 85

And on motion, the Synod adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ROOM.

Thursday, May 13, 1869.

The Synod attended Divine Service in the Cathedral at 9 o'clock, and assembled for business in the School Room at 10 o'clock a. m.

The appointed prayers were said by the Secretary, after which the roll was called, and the minutes of the second day were read and approved.

Mr. C. J. BRYDGES, seconded by Major CAMPBELL, moved :

That any and every resolution heretofore adopted by the Synod, to the effect that no second or new ballot be taken on the names or any of the names which have up to this time been submitted by the House of Bishops to the Synod out of which to elect a Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal and Metropolitan be now rescinded, and that the list of names which have been so submitted, be now placed by the chairman, the Very

Reverend the Dean, before the Synod, and that a new ballot be taken thereon. Adopted.

The Secretary read the nominations made by the House of Bishops.

Rev. Mr. SLACK moved :

That the announcement of the result of the ballot be received without demonstration of feeling. Adopted unanimously.

After silent prayer the Synod proceeded to ballot.

On the return of the scrutineers, the Clerical Secretary proclaimed the result of the vote as follows :

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Bishop of Fredericton	0	0
" Nova Scotia.....	0	0
" Huron.....	27	36
" Ontario.....	0	0
" Quebec.....	0	0
" Toronto.....	2	0
" Newfoundland	0	0
" Grahamstown.....	0	0
" British Columbia.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland.....	0	0
Dean of Norwich.....	0	0
Rev. Dr. Hessey.....	0	1
T. P. Cust.....	0	0
Rev. F. Meyrick	37	6
Rev. H. Twells.....	0	0
Noes.....	0	1
Lost Votes	0	7

Consequently there was no election. At 12 o'clock the Synod took a recess, to enable the Executive Committee on Missions, to meet and adjourn to 8 o'clock p. m.

On resuming business,

Mr. GEORGE MACREA moved, seconded by Rev. GEORGE SLACK :

That another ballot be taken on the names. Carried unanimously.

Half an hour's adjournment was taken, after which the vote was again taken with the following result :

	CLERICAL. LAY.	
Bishop of Fredericton.....	0	0
" Nova Scotia.....	0	0
" Huron.....	33	39
" Ontario.....	0	0
" Quebec.....	0	0
" Toronto.....	0	0
" Newfoundland.....	0	0
" Grahamstown.....	0	0
" British Columbia.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland.....	0	0
Dean of Norwich.....	0	0
Rev. Dr. Hessey.....	0	0
Rev. T. P. Cust.....	0	0
Rev. F. Meyrick.....	35	18
Rev. H. Twells.....	0	0
Noes.....	0	0
Lost Votes.....	0	5

Consequently there was no election. It was unanimously resolved to take another ballot on the same names. The following is the result:

	CLERICAL. LAY.	
Bishop of Fredericton.....	0	0
" Nova Scotia.....	0	0
" Huron.....	32	42
" Ontario.....	0	0
" Quebec.....	0	0
" Newfoundland.....	0	0
" Grahamstown.....	0	0
" British Columbia.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland.....	0	0
Dean of Norwich.....	0	0
Rev. Dr. Hessey.....	0	0
Rev. T. P. Cust.....	0	0
Rev. F. Meyrick.....	36	16
Rev. H. Twells.....	0	0
Lost votes.....	0	3
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Consequently there was no election.

Rev. J. B. DAVIDSON moved, seconded by Mr. L. H. DAVIDSON :

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That this House do adjourn till 3 o'clock, and demand that the vote be taken by orders, and called for yeas and nays.

The motion was lost, Clergy, Yeas, 31, Nays 34; Laity, Yeas, 31, Nays, 86.

On motion the Synod proceeded to a fourth ballot and the Secretary proclaimed the following result:

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Bishop of Fredericton.....	0	0
" Nova Scotia.....	0	
" Huron.....	30	39
" Ontario.....	0	0
" Quebec.....	0	0
" Toronto.....	0	0
" Newfoundland.....	0	0
" Grahamstown.....	0	0
" British Columbia.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland.....	0	0
Dean of Norwich.....	0	0
Rev. Dr. Hessey.....	0	0
Rev. T. P. Cust.....	0	0
Rev. F. Meyrick.....	36	16
Rev. H. Twells.....	0	0
Noes.....	1	0
Lost votes.....	0	4
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Mr. Chancellor BETHUNE moved, seconded by Mr. C. J.

BRYDGES:

That a conference of this House with the House of Bishops be requested of this House, and that the said conference be represented by this House by three clerical and three lay delegates.—Carried.

The DEAN named on the conference: Clergy—Arch-deacon, Rural Dean Duvernet and Canon Anderson; lay delegates, the Chancellor, Mr. Huntingdon and Mr. C. J. Brydges.

The ARCHDEACON declined to act on the conference, and the Dean named the Rev. Canon BALCH in his place.

The Committee proceeded at once to the House of Bishops, and on their return

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Mr. C. J. BRYDGES reported verbally:*

Rev. Dean SLACK moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. ROBINSON :

That the Committee be desired to return to the House of Bishops, with the request that they send down additional names to those now before the House. This motion was lost, and it was decided to take another ballot.

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Bishop of Fredericton.....	0	0
“ Nova Scotia.....	0	0
“ Huron.....	27	38
“ Ontario.....	0	0
“ Quebec.....	1	0
“ Toronto.....	1	0
“ Newfoundland.....	0	0
“ Grahamstown.....	0	0
“ British Columbia.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland.....	0	0
Dean of Norwich.....	0	0
Rev. Dr. Hessey.....	0	0
Rev. T. P. Cust.....	0	0
Rev. F. Meyrick.....	38	18
Rev. H. Twells.....	0	0
Noes.....	1	0
Lost Votes.....	1	7
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No election.

* “ The following is the report as given by the reporters for the public press, and on consultation with the Chairman and Lay Secretary, the Clerical Secretary deems it advisable to print it with the Journal, in this form and place for information.”

I have been requested by the Committee to report the result of our interview. I may say that the House of Bishops received us in the kindest possible manner, and they gave us the freest possible opportunity of discussing the question with them. We do not think it is either necessary or desirable that we should enter into any detailed statement of what transpired at the conference, but that I should simply state the result of our discussion. The Committee think, and it is the suggestion of the House of Bishops, that we should proceed to another ballot on the names now before the Synod, and I may add on the part of the Committee that they advise, if this ballot does not result in an election, it would not be wise to take any more ballots on the names before the Synod, but that his Synod do adjourn till November next.

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The following message was received from the House of Bishops:—

The House of Bishops beg to transmit to the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal the following names, from which to elect a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan.

The Reverend Lord ALWYN COMPTON, Rector of Castle Ashby, and Canon of Peterboro and the Right Reverend Dr. MORREL, the Bishop Coadjutor of Edinburgh.

BENJ. HURON.

Attest A. N. TORONTO, Secretary.

May 13, 1869.

Mr. C. J. BRYDGES moved, seconded by Canon ANDERSON:

That this Synod do now adjourn till 2 o'clock on the 2nd Tuesday of November next. Which was lost.

And on motion the Synod adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ROOM.

Friday, May 14th, 1869.

The Synod attended Divine Service in the Cathedral at 9 o'clock a. m., and assembled for business in the School Room at 10 o'clock.

The appointed prayers were said by the Secretary, after which the roll was called and the Minutes of the third day were read and approved.

The DEAN suggested that the names sent down by the House of Bishops in their message received just before the adjournment of the third day's session, should be added to the list now before the Synod—which on motion was adopted

After silent prayer the Synod proceeded to ballot—and the Secretary proclaimed the result :—

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Bishop of Huron.....	27	37
" Quebec.....	1	0
" Toronto.....	0	1
Dr. Meyrick.....	38	16
Noes.....	1	0
Lost Votes.....	0	5
Bishop of Ontario.....	0	0
" Nova Scotia.....	0	0
" Fredericton.....	0	0
" Newfoundland.....	0	0
" Grahamstown.....	0	0
" British Columbia.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland.....	0	0
Dean of Norwich.....	0	0
Dr. Hessey.....	0	0
Rev. T. P. Cust.....	0	0
Rev. H. Twells.....	0	0
Rev. Lord Alwyn Compton.....	0	0
Coadjutor Bishop of Edinburgh.....	0	0

Mr. FERRES moved, seconded by the Hon. T WOOD :

1. That this Synod considers that an idea of an election involves an acquaintance with the merits and qualifications of the persons proposed to be elected.

2. That this Synod being now assembled to elect a Bishop and Metropolitan, have to deplore that the venerable House of Bishops have sent down to the Synod, and have continued to send down names of persons for election, of even the names of some of whom, the members are ignorant, and of the lives and opinions of all of whom, they are entirely so, excepting those of the Bishops of Canada and some of the other Bishops of North America.

3. That this Synod, without wishing to interfere with the right of the House of Bishops to send to this Synod names of persons for election, implore that venerable House, with all respect, but with all earnestness to have regard to the consciences of the members of this Synod, and to offer them for choice, the names of men of whom they have had some opportunity of possessing some personal knowledge.

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Which were ruled out of order by the Dean :

Mr. BRYDGES at the request of the Synod gave a full statement of the interview with the House of Bishops by the Committee of conference of six, appointed on the third day. (*)

The ballot was then taken on all the names sent down, and the Secretary proclaimed the following result :

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Bishop of Huron.....	27	37
" Quebec.....	1	0
" Toronto... ..	0	1
" Rev. Dr. Meyrick.....	38	16
Noes.....	1	0
Lost Votes.....		5
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(*) Mr. BRYDGES, in compliance with the request said : I am sure this House will not attribute to the Committee the introduction of this question. It was their opinion arising from their earnest desire that there should be the utmost possible peace and harmony in the meeting that it would be better not to make any statement of what transpired at their interview with the House of Bishops. But as the question which has been raised is undoubtedly one of very considerable importance, we feel it to be our duty now to state as briefly as possible what transpired.

The Committee, as I mentioned yesterday, was received by the House of Bishops with the utmost possible kindness and courtesy, and were permitted to have a very full and frank discussion with that House upon the subject before us. I may now state as to the result of that discussion that we ascertained emphatically from the House of Bishops that under no circumstances would they send down the names of any Presbyter of the Diocese of Montreal. About that there is not the smallest room for doubt.

Afterwards a suggestion was thrown out by their Lordships in the shape of a question to the Committee, as to how the nomination by the House of Bishops of Presbyters from other Dioceses in Canada would be received by this House. The opinion of the Committee was that if no Presbyters from the Diocese of Montreal were to be sent down, it would aggravate the difficulty if Presbyters from other Dioceses were sent down.

We then executed the duty which was entrusted to us by stating to the House of Bishops in the most courteous language we could use what had been said to myself and the other members of the Committee before we went up to their Lordships in regard to the manner in which the name of

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Consequently there was no election.

Mr. Chancellor BETHUNE moved, seconded by Mr. BRYDGES:—

That with a view if possible to agree upon a name that would be acceptable to the majority of both orders in this House for the office of Bishop and Metropolitan, a committee be composed of Rev. Canons Bond, Anderson and Loosemore; Rural Deans Slack and Duvernet, Rev. J. C. Davidson, Rev. R. W. Norman, Rev. T. W. Fyles, James Hutton, Hon. L. S. Huntingdon, Hon. John Hamilton, J. A. Young, L. H. Davidson, J. J. Gibb, and the mover and seconder, be appointed to confer together, and report to this House with all due despatch.

The motion was carried, and the Synod adjourned at 12 o'clock till 2 o'clock p.m.

The Synod assembled at 2 o'clock.

the Bishop of Rupert's Land would be received by this House if his name were sent down by the House of Bishops.

The Bishop of Huron stated to us distinctly that he had all along proposed that the name of the Bishop of Rupert's Land should be sent down with the other bishops.

The Bishop of Huron told us further that he had all along protested against the name of the Bishop of Rupert's Land not being sent down, and that he had also protested against sending down the names of Presbyters from England about whom this House could have no possible knowledge. I think now, Mr. Dean, that I have stated in substance what passed in the House of Bishops.

If I have said anything incorrectly or have not given full enough explanations, the other members of the Committee can supplement what I have said. I should also add that when the House of Bishops told us distinctly that they would not send down the names of any Presbyters of the Diocese of Montreal, the Bishop of Quebec expressed some slight dissent from that opinion.

I stated very distinctly, I thought, that after the House of Bishops refused to send down the names of any Presbyter from the Diocese of Montreal, they threw out the suggestion in the shape of a question to us, as to how the name of a Presbyter from any other diocese in Canada would be received. They put it in the shape of a question to us, and our answer was that we thought any such step as that would rather complicate than tend to weaken the difficulty.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ended by Mr. Mr. BRYDGES said he had been requested by the Committee to report the result at which the Committee had arrived. He would not make any lengthened remarks, as it was the opinion of the Committee that they should not have a discussion on the result of the conference as discussion did not tend materially to remove differences. The Committee met in the kindest spirit, and there could not have been a more gentlemanly, forbearing and courteous spirit than that manifested by every member of the Committee. He regretted to say that the Committee could not come to any unanimous conclusion, and they were of opinion that it would be useless to present a report unless it had been unanimously adopted by the Committee. The Committee therefore adopted the following resolution:—

"That this Committee being unable to make a unanimous report, recommend that the Synod proceed with the balloting, and that if after two or more ballots there is no election this Committee have an interview with the House of Bishops." He added that the Committee feared that another ballot would not result in an election, and should that be the case, he thought that it was their duty to make a strong effort to point out to the House of Bishops the difficulty in which they were placed, and which could only be removed by their sending down names that would be likely to meet with the unanimous acceptance of the Synod.

Mr. MACRAE moved, seconded by Mr. WINN :

That the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

Mr. HUNTINGDON moved in amendment, seconded by Mr.

M. H. GAULT :

That the report be not now adopted, but that the Synod proceed to the ballot. This motion was carried, and ballot taken, and the Secretary proclaimed the following results :

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Bishop of Huron.....	27	37
Rev. F. Meyrick.....	39	17
Noes.....	0	0
Lost Votes	0	5
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No votes for the other names.

No election.

Mr. MACRAE then moved :

That the report of the Committee be now adopted and another ballot taken. Carried.

Rev. Mr. CURRAN moved, seconded by Dr. SMALLWOOD

That the second ballot be dispensed with, and that the Committee do now proceed to the House of Bishops. Carried unanimously.

During the absence of the Committee,

Rev. Dr. Balch read a letter from Mr. Alfred Sandham, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, extending a cordial invitation to the members of the Synod to visit the rooms of the Association, and expressing the earnest prayer of the Association that the important deliberations of the Synod might be guided by the great Master of assemblies.

Mr. FERRES moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER :

That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Association for their kind invitation. Carried.

After a brief absence, the Committee returned.

Mr. Brydges, on behalf of the Committee, said they had not yet had a conference with the House of Bishops. On going to their chamber they were met by the Secretary of the House of Bishops, who said that he had a communication from the House of Bishops to the Synod, and he thought that it ought to be laid before the Synod before they had a conference with the Bishops.

The Clerical Secretary read the message, which was as follows :

The House of Bishops transmit to the Synod the following names, from which to elect a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan : Rev. Dr. Monsell, Trinity College, Dublin, Vicar of Egham ; and the Rev. Joseph Henry Thompson, Vicar of Dachel, lately Canon of Montreal.

No ballot was taken on these names, and the Committee returned to their Lordships. On the return of the Committee

The Clerical Secretary read the following message received from the house of Bishops :

The House of Bishops transmit to the Synod of Montreal, the following names from which to choose a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan. Rev. Ashton Oxenden, Rector of Pluckley ; and Rev. Dr. Monsell, Vicar of Egham.

The ballot was then taken, and the Secretary proclaimed the following result:

	CLERICAL.	LAY.
Bishop of Huron.....	3	12
Dr. Meyrick.....	2	0
Rev. A. Oxenden.....	57	44
Noes.....	1	1
Lost votes.....	0	3
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The Hon. Mr. HUNTINGDON moved that the result be made unanimous. Adopted by acclamation.

The Synod then sang the Doxology.

Moved by Rev. Canon BOND, seconded by Mr. M. H. GAUL.

That the thanks of the Synod are hereby respectfully tendered to the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, for his very able and impartial conduct in the chair during the protracted discussion. Carried by acclamation.

Mr. CRAWFORD moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. CARMICHAEL:

A vote of thanks to Rev. Canon Balch, for his able and courteous conduct as Secretary of this House, and also to Mr. Sanborn, as lay Secretary, which was carried by acclamation.

The CHANCELLOR moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER:

That this Synod do stand adjourned till the first Wednesday in September next, at 2 p. m., to receive the announcement of the acceptance of the nomination by the Bishop elect, and to take such further action as may be found necessary. Which was adopted.

The Synod then on motion adjourned and the very Reverend the Dean, pronounced the benediction.

JOHN BETHUNE, D. D.,
Chairman.

Attest

LEWIS P. W. BALCH, D. D., Secretary

APPENDIX.

Letter addressed to the Bishop elect, from the Senior Bishop of the House of Bishops, and the Chairman of the Diocesan Synod, the Very Revd. Dr. Bethune, Dean of Montreal:—

MONTREAL, May 14, 1869.

TO THE REV. CANON OXENDEN.

REV'D. SIR,

We have the honor to inform you, that at an adjourned meeting of "The Synod of the Diocese of Montreal," held this day, you were unanimously elected to be Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of Canada.

In making this announcement, we think it proper to mention, that in view of the conflicting interests of the Diocese of Montreal, individually, and of the House of Bishops and of the other Dioceses, collectively, very considerable difficulty has been naturally experienced in making choice of a fit and proper person to fill so distinguished a position in the Church. So great indeed has been the difficulty that the efforts attendant on the first meeting of the Synod, held in the month of November last proved entirely fruitless, and even at the adjourned meetings held during the present month, the prospects of an election seemed equally hopeless. At the very moment, however, when after repeated failures the members of Synod had almost despairingly concluded that an election, under the circumstances, was impossible, the accidental mention of your name at once dispelled all existing difficulties, and resulted, as has been already stated, in the unanimous election of yourself as Bishop and Metropolitan of Canada.

One cannot fail in all this to trace the finger of Divine Providence, and we sincerely trust that no obstacle may exist to prevent your acceptance of the high and holy office to which it hath thus pleased God to call you.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt. servt.,

BENJ. HURON.

JOHN BETHUNE, *Chairman.*

Attest: LEWIS P. W. BALCH, *Secretary.*

PLUCKLEY RECTORY, ASHFORD,

June 3, 1869.

MY LORD BISHOP AND MR. DEAN,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your official announcement to me of my election by the Synod of Montreal to be Bishop of that Diocese and Metropolitan of Canada.

After much anxious thought, I cannot but feel that the call comes to

me from One who is able to fit me for the high and honorable post which He has chosen for me.

I therefore accept the holy office to which my Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, in Synod assembled, have been pleased to elect me, with a deep appreciation of the confidence they have so generously placed in me, though at the same time with much trembling on account of my uncertain health and other causes.

It will be my earnest endeavour, by God's help, to labour for the good of the Church in Canada, and especially of the Diocese over which I am called to preside.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord Bishop and Mr. Dean,

Your very faithful Servant and Brother,

ASHTON OXENDEN.

MONTREAL, May 21, 1869.

REV. D. SIR,

I sent by the Cunard mail of Monday last, the official notification of your election, of which the accompanying note is a copy. The very Revd. the Dean suggested that I should send this copy by the Canada SS. I enclose also a note from the Treasurer of the See Fund.

Permit me as Secretary, having considerable knowledge of the wants of the Diocese, to express the hope that you may reach a favorable decision at an early day, and if possible, come out to us in July.

Our late Bishop was absent in England a large part of the last three years, and some of the Parishes are suffering for the want of Episcopal service. If the distant ones could be visited before the winter sets in, I am sure that it would be a blessing to them and a comfort to you.

Your obedient servant,

LEWIS P. W. BALCH,

Secretary.

REV. D. CANON OXENDEN,
Bishop Elect, &c.

MONTREAL, JULY 26, 1869.

The Secretary of the Synod received letters from the Bishop Elect and Metropolitan, dated July 12th and 13th, saying that arrangements had been made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with the consent of the Colonial Office, for his consecration in Westminster Abbey, Sunday, August the 8th, and that he has taken passage for Montreal in the Canadian Steamer, of August 19th.

The Very Reverend the Dean convened the Clergy in the city of Montreal, Saturday, July 24th, at twelve o'clock, in the Vestry Room of the Cathedral, to prepare a suitable address of welcome to the Lord Bishop on his arrival in this country.

The Rev. Canon Bond, in the absence of the Dean and Archdeacon, was called to the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Dumoulin appointed Secretary.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until Monday, the 26th.

MONDAY, July 26th.

The Very Rev. the Dean presided, and the Venerable the Archdeacon submitted the following Address, which was adopted unanimously:—

*To the Most Reverend ASHTON OXENDEN, D.D.,
Metropolitan of Canada and Bishop of Montreal:*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

We, the Clergy of the Diocese of Montreal, thankful to Almighty God for preserving you and your family amidst the perils of your journey hither, congratulate you on your safe arrival amongst us.

We welcome you, respectfully and cordially, as the Bishop of this Diocese and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and hasten to assure you of our conviction that, in so far as this Diocese is concerned, you will find the Clergy thereof right willing to respect, and yield the readiest obedience to, the authority of the Sacred Office which you hold.

Apart from the Diocese of Montreal in particular, the present position of the Dominion of Canada, at the commencement of a national existence under the protection of the Imperial Government, must now be deeply interesting to you, as well as us; and the religious interests of the community will naturally engage your profound attention; we have all confidence in your wisdom and zeal for the enlargement and wellordering of the Church of Christ, believing that the Divine Spirit, in disposing your heart to the

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